

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. K. [unclear]*

DATE: 1-25-64

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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SAC Shanklin called from Dallas at 12:15 p.m. today. He had interviewed District Attorney Wade and his assistant Alexander regarding their alleged statements in the Nation article. Wade said he had never made the statements attributed to him in the article; that he did talk to the reporter, Lonnie Hudkins, and when asked whether Oswald was an FBI informant replied that he did not know, but if he was he did not think such information should be made public.

Alexander said Hudkins talked to him and told him he was going to get a good story because he thought Oswald was an informant of CIA or the FBI because Oswald had the name of Agent Hosty and the telephone number of the Dallas Office in his address book. Alexander said he told Hudkins that he did not know anything about Oswald being an informant, but it was true that Oswald's address book contained the name of Hosty and the telephone number.

District Attorney Wade told Shanklin, in confidence, that he and Alexander were called to testify before the President's Commission, but were sworn to secrecy. Wade said he thinks this came about because Attorney General Carr got a copy of the Nation article and brought it to the attention of Chief Justice Warren. Carr called Wade late Wednesday night and told him they were going up to Washington and they took a Braniff plane Thursday night.

Present at the hearing were Chief Justice Warren and Lee Rankin, Attorney General Carr, Robert Storey (former Dean of SNU), Leon Jaworski (Houston attorney), Wade and Alexander. Storey and Jaworski are working for the State of Texas.

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Wade said they were questioned as to whether they had any information regarding Oswald being an informant of the FBI, CIA or other government agency. Wade told them he had no information to that effect. Alexander says he also told them he had no knowledge of Oswald being a government informant. He did testify police recovered an address book from Oswald's residence that contained the name of Hasty, the telephone number of the FBI in Dallas and the license number of a car (we have this address book. Agent Hosty was the Agent who interviewed Mrs. Payne and gave her the office telephone number so she could advise him further concerning Oswald. The license number of the car is the same as Hosty's car, but is one letter off).

Alexander said he told the Commission that after the bond hearing on Jack Ruby last Tuesday, he heard news reporters speculating as to whether Oswald was a counterspy for the FBI, CIA or other government agency. One reporter (Alexander does not know who) said he thought Oswald was on the government payroll since September, 1962, at \$200 a month, payroll or voucher number 179.

Wade said they were before the Commission for about 3 hours and also talked about FBI reports being made available to Wade and what information should go to the defence. The Commission told him this was the problem of the Department of Justice.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that we send a letter to Rankin telling him we have been advised that Texas authorities, including the District Attorney of Dallas and his assistant, were questioned by the Commission relative to the allegation appearing in the Nation article that Oswald was an FBI informant; that we have previously fully advised the Commission concerning our investigation and interviews of Oswald and here are the facts again concerning our contacts with Oswald and that he was never in any sense an informant of the FBI. Further, this letter will advise Rankin that if the Commission has any further questions concerning this or any other phase of FBI activities, we would appreciate a direct contact from the Commission relative thereto.

*Yes. This is pretty slimy tactics
upon part of Rankin.
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